

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

As a former broadcast executive I have seen first hand what further media consolidation has meant in the reduction of access and diversity in our daily discourse.

At each step in consolidation I have seen a diminution of opposing voices. Our media today does not serve the public interest as originally envisioned. More and more the industry mirrors the opinions of it's corporate owners and friends and avoids competing views.

This commission will be remembered as the one that stifled the american discourse if it pursues further relaxation of ownership rules.